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**From:** Jim, Melissa (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 7:08:16 PM  
**Subject:** FW: President Begaye News Release RE: ALERT - Animas River  
[President Begaye Demands U.S. EPA Release Information on Contaminants.pdf](#)

FYI - Shared by Annie F.

The spill is now estimated to be 3 million gallons...

<http://navajotimes.com/reznews/begaye-calls-on-epa-to-bring-water/#.VcjpXkt0zIU>

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From: Ramona Antone Nez  
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:11 PM  
Subject: President Begaye News Release RE: ALERT - Animas River

Dear NDOH,

I am forwarding a Press Release from OPVP. Please share with your staff.

Sincerely,

Ramona Antone Nez

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From: Ramona Antone Nez  
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 11:58 AM  
Subject: RE: ALERT - Animas River

Ramona,

Here is quick update from San Juan Co. EM PIO. That a top government officials meeting occurred this morning on the contaminant spill flowing into Farmington and eventually thru the NN and into Lake Powell. The report is close all access to the Animas River and San Juan River. Water test check point will be established and state epi will report readings every 6 - 8 hrs. depending on ph. Right now, not sure what is actually in the waste water contaminant. Authority advised that Lake Powell will release the lake

ahead of the spill to quickly flush it thru as soon as possible.  
I am leaving for Farmington now to meet with first responders from public safety, public health, livestock rangers, and emergency emergencies.

Dave Nez

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From: Ramona Antone Nez  
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 11:57 AM  
Subject: RE: ALERT - Animas River

UPDATE 11:30 AM: Dr. Benn, AG Branch, and I talked with Toni Flora and Jason John about what the NN needs to provide to the public. It was determined that a precautionary notice will be sent out advising people to keep their livestock out of the river, to not enter the river, and to not divert water. Cassandra and Toni are drafting the notice and will work with Jason for distribution, and Jason will possibly work with Emergency Management for distribution. Rick Abasta is cc'd here as well.

Please note that Toni has been trying to connect with NTUA concerning public water supplies. The agricultural irrigation systems supplied by the San Juan have been shut off.

As to who should be on the call with NNEPA--Jason: please you represent DNR on the call and if you cannot get on the call please appoint someone else from WMB.

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Bidtah N. Becker, Acting Executive Director Division of Natural Resources Navajo Nation c 928-401-5100

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From: Ramona Antone Nez  
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 11:48 AM  
Subject: ALERT - Animas River

Dear NDOH Program Directors,

Barbara - please send to All Staff.

Please be ALERTED and informed.  
[http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci\\_28595759/animas-river-contaminated-by-1-million-gallons-contaminated](http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci_28595759/animas-river-contaminated-by-1-million-gallons-contaminated)

There was a spill of wastewater in Silverton CO. The wastewater has contaminates to the water quality and is flowing downstream. I expect all PD to inform their staff and have your staff informed and really to assist the possible affected Navajo Nation citizens.

The Office of the President and Vice President are in contact with the officials. President Begaye has directed the Navajo Department of Health to be on site in Shiprock - to participate in the meetings and discussions with the I.H.S. Officials.

President Begaye wants the health issues to be addressed because of the spill. I have directed Dave Nez to travel to Shiprock and I would like Health Education, CHR and OEH already duty posted in Shiprock to report and assist in Shiprock - with the guidance of Dave Nez.

Dave Nez is the lead contact on behalf of the NDOH.

President Begaye expects NDOH to be represented for the next several days. Any travel from NDOH Programs - especially Program Directors will be approved. This is an emergency and it is important to have the necessary coordination on this situation.

For all NDOH Programs in Shiprock and downriver - please let me know your staff and key contact names and phone numbers.

Dave Nez....perhaps a conference call is appropriate with your guidance. Please Advise.

Sincerely,  
Ramona Antone Nez